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(SBU) On May 29, we delivered reftel points to Asel Utegenova, Counselor to the Director of MFA's Department of International Organizations and Multilateral Cooperation. Ms. Utegenova informed us that GOK strongly leaned toward supporting Amb. Swing's candidacy as IOM's Director General, although a final decision has not yet been made. She expects that the MFA will send final instructions to Geneva within the second week of June.

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